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SUBJ: ICAO - COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 10 (C-OB 84/6)

1. AT PROBLEMS FOR WORLD-WIDE CONSIDERATION (CWP-6144). LIST OF PROBLEMS (APPENDIX) LEFT AS IS WITH MINOR REFERENCE. WILL BE SENT TO STATES FOR COMMENT. CHINA ASKED THAT DEADLINE BE SET AS LATE RPT LATE AS POSSIBLE SO THAT LIST AND COMMENTS WOULD BE AS CURRENT AS POSSIBLE FOR ANY SPECIAL MEETING OR ASSEMBLY. SECGEN SUGGEST SEPT '75 DEADLINE ON STATE LETTERS INDICATING THAT APPROXIMATELY 1 YEAR LEAD WOULD BE REQUIRED AND MENTIONED LATE '76 MEETING. NIGERIA AND UK INTERVENED ASKING CONFIRMATION THAT COUNCIL WAS NOT RPT NOT DECIDING TO HAVE A MEETING YET. NIGERIA POINTED OUT THAT STATE RESPONSES MIGHT BE "GENERALITIES NOT SUITABLE FOR SPECIAL MEETING" AND THEN WOULD GO TO REGULAR ASSEMBLY WITH REPORT. THERE WAS DISCUSSION RE SUB-PARA 5(C) WITH CONSENSUS THAT CRITERIA SHOULD BE CLEAR "PRESENTATION" INSTEAD OF "DEFINITION" AND GENERAL CONCERN THAT USELESS OR TOO GENERAL PROBLEMS SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED. FYI: IF MATERIAL FROM STATES COMES TO COUNCIL WINTER '75 AND MEETING CONSIDERED FOR WINTER '76, SEEMS LIKELY MATTER WILL BE PUT BEFORE SUMMER '77 ASSEMBLY. END FYI.

2. CWP 6136 WAS RESULT OF US PROPOSAL TO ASSEMBLY FOR STATEMENT

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ON "FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF LANGUAGE SERVICES, ESPECIALLY INTRO-

DUCTION ADDITIONAL LANGUAGES". LONG, THOROUGH COUNCIL CONSIDERATION INCLUDED MANY DETAILED QUESTIONS AS WELL AS MAJOR POLICY ISSUES. SIGNIFICANT POINTS WERE: (A) A DETERMINED EFFORT TO POINT UP THE FACT THAT MANY ICAO MEETINGS AND PAPERS ARE ONLY IN ENGLISH (ANC) OR IN TWO LANGUAGES, (REGIONAL AIR NAVIGATION MEETINGS AND JSC) AND MUCH MATERIAL NOT YET IN RUSSIAN INCLUDING ICAO BULLETIN. IN CHINA INTERVENTION, HE MENTIONED THAT "THERE IS NO ONE LANGUAGE FOR ICAO" BUT IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER HE IS FULLY AWARE OF DECISION FIRST FEW YEARS ICAO TO MAKE ENGLISH THE LANGUAGE OF INTERNATIONAL AVIATION OPERATIONS. SECGEN VERY CLEVERLY AVOIDED ANY SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THAT DECISION AND ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS SIDE-STEPPED DIRECT REFERENCE TO ENGLISH DOMINENCE, ALTHOUGH BRAZIL AND USSR ASKED WHY ENGLISH STAFF MUCH SMALLER THAN IN OTHER LANGUAGES AND RESPONSE MADE IT OBVIOUS THAT MOST PREPARATION IS DONE IN ENGLISH AND TRANSLATED INTO THE OTHER LANGUAGES. (B) FRG RESERVED "PLACE" FOR THE USE OF GERMAN MAKING REFERENCE TO EARLIER POSITIONS, ESPECIALLY IN NEW YORK (ALTHOUGH STATING THAT HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS PAPER). (C) CHINA CONTINUED PUSHING FOR INTRODUCTION CHINESE BUT MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT "1978 -- AFTER NEXT ASSEMBLY". HIS INTERVENTIONS STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY PAKISTAN LED THE DISCUSSION TO SEPARATE OUT AN IMMEDIATE PROBLEM: WHETHER TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS NOW IN NEW BUILDING FACILITIES (EQUIPMENT AND CABINS) IN ANTICIPATION OF ONE OR TWO ADDITIONAL LANGUAGES ESPECIALLY FOR ASSEMBLIES. SECGEN WAS REQUESTED TO BRING PAPER TO COUNCIL ON THIS SPECIFIC ISSUE. (D) REST OF PAPER WAS CONSIDERED PREPARATORY TO '77 GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND PRE STATED THAT PAPER WILL BE REVISED BASED ON COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS AND PRESENTED AGAIN TO COUNCIL NEXT YEAR.

3. AMENDMENT OF RULE 54 (CWP-6134) CONTINUES TO BE POSTPONED AND IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 19.

4. NEW YUGOSLAV REP WAS WELCOMED BACK. HIS RESPONSE WAS A BRIEF STATEMENT THAT HE WISHED TO REMIND COUNCIL OF HIS COUNTRY'S POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT.
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